

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, is respectfully requested. Claims 1-9 has been canceled without prejudice and disclaimer of subject matter recited therein. New claims 20-29 have been presented.

Claim Objections

Claim 16 is objected to because of certain informality. Claim 16 has been canceled therefore its rejection has rendered moot.

the following informalities: in line 1, the term "adapted to enable" is not a positive limitation but only requires the ability to so perform. Therefore, it does not limit a claim to a particular structure and does not limit the scope of a claim or claim limitation. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections -35 USC §101

Claims 16-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101. Claims 16-19 have been canceled therefore their rejection has rendered moot.

Claim Rejections -35 USC §102

Claims 1-13, 15-16, and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Garcia-Luna-Aceves et al. (US Pub 2002/0141479 A1). Hereinafter, referred to as Garcia-Luna-Aceves. These claims have been canceled therefore their rejection has rendered moot.

Claim Rejections -35 USC §103

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia-Luna-Aceves et al. (US Pub 2002/0141479 A1) in view of Haartsen (US Patent No. 6,754,250 B2).

Claim 14 has been canceled therefore its rejection has rendered moot.

Claims 17-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Garcia-Luna-Aceves et al. (US Pub 2002/0141479 A1) in view of Thompson et al (US Pub 2002/0022483 A1).

Claims 17-18 have been canceled therefore their rejection has rendered moot.

Applicants have submitted new claims 20-29. These claims are directed towards master initiated communication in a frequency hopping wireless network. In contrast, the cited reference Garcia-Luna-Aceves et al. is directed to a receiver initiated channel hopping method, which according to the reference "may be considered to be reversed from traditional protocols." (Paragraph 0015, page 2). Accordingly, claims 20-29 are patentably distinguishable from the combination of cited references.

Applicant believes this application and the claims herein to be in a condition for allowance. Please charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account 20-0668. Should the Examiner have further inquiry concerning these matters, please contact the below named attorney for Applicant.

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